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Josh:

Thank you for a wonderful evening of conversation and dining last Tuesday. It was a real pleasure to sit down and relax after the hectic pace that has characterized OSTP of late. I in particular enjoyed sharing in your obvious excitement over reentering the research world. There's no doubting where your primary interests lie.

I've conveyed the highlights of our discussions to D.A.. He was particularly concerned over your assessment of the IOM Committee's progress to date and very much wants to discuss the issue with you directly. On the BW side Michelle Van Cleave and I are aggressively pursing the impact of Atwoods's centralizing of a joint BW program under the Secretary of the Army. I'll keep you informed of our progress as we receive additional information.

Enclosed you'll find a copy of Gates' December 4th speech on the future of Intelligence which includes mention of several Task Forces. You'll also find a copy of Gates' testimony of January 15th on proliferation. Note in particular his assessment of the Iraqi BW program on Page 7.

And lastly, I want to thank you for expressing interest in my future career plans. Over the past few months I've considered many of the options you mentioned. Returning to the Agency will likely be my near term choice (principally for family reasons) but I have a strong desire to delve into the national security policy arena either at the NSC or at DoD/OSD. These are fascinating times to be working on national security issues and my assignment to OSTP has merely served to confirm my interests.

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